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SCOTTISH PROVERBS.

The greateſt part of which were at firſt gathered together

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THE PRINTER to the merry, judicious, and discreet Reader.

IT is well known, that every Nation hath their own Proverbs, and Proverbial Speeches; yea every Shire, or part of a Nation, hath some Proverbial Speeches, which others have not: so that a man can hardly gather together all such Speeches; yet some are more inclined to such kind of Speeches then others. Therefore many in this Realm that have heard of David Fergusone, sometime Minister at Dumfermline, and of his quick Answers and Speeches, both to great Persons and to others inferiors, and

have heard of his Proverbs which he gathered together in his time, and now are put down according to the order of the Alphabet. And many of all ranks of persons being very desirous to have the said Proverbs, I have thought good to put them to the Press, for thy better satisfaction. I know there may be some that will say and marvel, that a Minister should have taken pains togather such Proverbs together: but they that knew his form of powerful preaching the Word, and his ordinary talking, ever almost using Proverbial Speeches, will not find fault with this that he hath done. And whereas there are some old Scottish words, not now in use, they must be born with; because if ye alter these words, the Proverb will have no grace. And so recommending these Proverbs to thy good use, I bid thee, Fare-well.

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A

1 ALL things hath a beginning. God excepted.
2 A good beginning makes a good ending.
3 A sloathful man is a beggers brother.
4 A vaunter and a lier is both one thing.
5 All is not tint that is in peril.
6 All is not in hand that helps.
7 A toom purse makes a bleat merchant.
8 As long runs the fox as he hath fæt.
9 A hasty man never wanted woe.
10 A wight man wanted never a weapon.
11 A fools bolt is soon shot.
12 A given horse should not be lookt in the teeth.
13 A good asker should have a good nay say.
14 A dear ship stands long in the haven.
15 An oleit mother maks a sweir daughter.
16 A rackless hussie makes mony thieves.
17 A lier should have a good memory.

18 A black shoe makes a blyth heart.
19 A hungry man sees far.
20 A silly bairn is eith to lear.
21 A half-penny cat may look to a King.
22 A greedy man God hates.
23 A proud heart in a poor breast, hes mekle dolour to dree.
24 A shade mans head is soon broken.
25 A shabbed sheep fyles all the flock.
26 A burnt bairn fire dreads.
27 Auld men are twise bairns.
28 A tatler is worse then a thief.
29 A borrowed len should come laughing hame.
30 A blyth heart makes a blomand visage.
31 An year a nurish, seven years a daw.
32 An unhappy mans cairt is eith to tumble.
33 An old hound bytes sair.
34 A fair bride is soon buskt, and a short horse soon wispt.
35 As good had as draw.
36 A man that is warned, is half armed.
37 An ill win penny will cast down a pound.
38 All the corn in the Countrey is not shorn by kempers.
39 An begger is wae another by the gate (gae.
40 A travelled man hath leave to lie.
41 An ill word meets another, and it were at the bridge of London.
42 A hungry louse bites sair.

43 A

43 A gentle horse would not be over fair spurr'd.
44 A friends dinner is soon dight.
45 An ill cook would have a good cleaver.
46 A good fellow tint never, but at an ill fellows hand.
47 At open doors dogs comes in.
48 A word before, is worth two behind.
49 A still sow eats all the draff.
50 A dum man holds all.
51 All fails that fools thinks.
52 A wool-seller kens a wool-buyer.
53 All fellows, Jock and the Laird.
54 As the sow fills, the draff sowres.
55 A full heart lied never.
56 As good merchant tines as wins.
57 All the speed is in the spurs.
58 As fair greets the bairn that is dung after noon, as he that is dung before noon
59 An ill life, an ill end.
60 Anes wood, never wise, ay the worse.
61 Anes payit never crabit.
62 A great ruler was never a good rider.
63 All the keys of the Countrey hangs not at ane belt.
64 A dum man wan never land.
65 As soon comes the lamb-skin to the market as the old sheeps.
66 As many heads, as many wits.
67 A blind man should not judge of colours

68 As the old cock craws, the young cock learns.
69 A skabbed horse is good enough for a skald squire.
70 A mirk mirrour is a mans mind.
71 As meikle upwith, as meikle downwith.
72 An ill shearer gat never a good hook.
73 A tarrowing bairn was never fat.
74 A good kow may have an ill calf.
75 A cock is crouse in his own midding.
76 A new bissom sweeps clean.
77 As fair fights wrans as cranes.
78 A yeeld sow was never good to gryses.
79 As the carle riches he wretches.
80 A fool when he hes spoken, hes all done.
81 An old seck craves meikle clouting.
82 An old seck is ay skailing.
83 A fair fire makes a room flet.
84 An old knave is no bairn.
85 A good yeoman makes a good woman.
86 A man hath no more good then he hath good of.
87 A fool may give a wise man a counsel.
88 A man may speir the gate to Rome.
89 As long lives the merry man as the wretch, for all the craft he can.
90 All wald have all, all wald forgive.
91 Ane may lead a horse to the water, but four and twenty cannot gar him drink.
92 A bleat cat makes a proud mouse.

93 An

93 An ill-willy kow should have short horns.
94 A good piece steil is worth a penny.
95 A shored tree stands long.
96 A gloved cat was never a good hunter.
97 A gangand foot is ay getting, and in were but a thorn.
98 All is not gold that glitters.
99 An swallow makes no summer.
100 A man may spit in his hand, & do full ill.
101 An ill servant will never be a good ma-
102 An hired horse tired never. (ster.
103 All the winning is in the first buying.
104 Anuch is a feast, of bread and cheese.
105 A horse may snapper on four feet.
106 All things wytes that well not fares.
107 All things thrives but thrice.
108 Absence is a shro.
109 Auld sin new shame.
110 A man cannot thrive except his wife let him.
111 A bairn must creep ere he gang.
112 As long as ye serve the tod, ye man bear up his tail.
113 All overs are ill, but over the water.
114 A man may wooe where he will, but wed where is his wierd.
115 A mean pot plaid never even.
116 Amongst 24 fools not ane wise man.
117 An mans meat is another mans poison.
118 A fool will not give his bauble for the Tower of London.

119 A foul foot makes a fow wemb.
120 A man is a lyon in his own cause.
121 A hearty hand to give a hungry meltith
122 A cumbersome cur in company is hated for his miscarriage.
123 A poor man is fain of little.
124 An answer in a word.
125 A beltless bairn cannot lie.
126 A Yule feast may be quit at Pasch.
127 A good dog never barkt but a bene.
128 A full seck will take a clout on the side.
129 An ill hound comes halting hame.
130 All things helps, quoth the wran, when she pisht in the sea.
131 All cracks, all bears.
132 A houndless man comes to the best hunting.
133 All things hes an end, and a pudding hes twa.
134 All is well that ends well.
135 As good hads the stirrep, as he that loups on.
136 A begun work is half ended.
137 A Scots-man is ay wise behind hand.
138 A new tout in an old horn.
139 As bracken a ship hes come to land.
140 As the fool thinks, ay the bell clinks.
141 A man may see his friend need, but will not see him bleed.
142 A friend is not known but in need.

143 A friend in court is worth a penny in purſe.
144 All things are good unſeyed.
145 A good gooſe indeed, but ſhe hes an ill ganſel.
146 All are not maidens that wears hair (hair.
147 A mach and a horſhoe are both alike.
148 Airly crooks the tree, that good cammock ſhould be.
149 An ounce of mother-wit, is worth a pound of Clergie.
150 An inch of a nag is worth a ſpan of an (aver.
151 A good word is as ſoon ſaid as an ill.
152 A ſpoonful of skitter ſpills a pot full of skink.

B

153 BEtter ſit idle, then work for nought.
154 Better learn by your neighbours skaith, nor by your own.
155 Better half egg nor trem doup.
156 Better apple given nor eaten.
157 Better a dog faun nor bark at you.
158 Boden gear ſtinks.
159 Bourd neither with me, nor with my
160 Buy when I bid you. (honor
161 Better late thrive then never.
162 Better hand looſe, nor bound to an ill bairne.
163 Better lang little, then ſon right nogh
164 Better give nor take.

165 Better bide the cooks nor the medicíners.
166 Better saught with little aught, nor care with many kow.
167 Bring a kow to the hall, and she will run to the byre again.
168 Bear wealth, poverty will bear it self.
169 Better good sale, nor good ale. (mols.
170 Better woo over midding, nor over
171 Blaw the wind nere so fast, it will lowen at the last.
172 Bind fast, find fast.
173 Better auld debts, nor auld fairs.
174 Better a fowle in hand, nor twa flying.
175 Better spare at the breird, nor at the bottom.
176 Bind the seck ere it be full.
177 Better be well loved, nor ill won geir.
178 Better finger off, nor ay warking.
179 Better rew sit, nor rew flit. (ye.
180 Bourd not with Fawty, fear lest he bite
181 Better say, Here it is, nor here it was.
182 Better plays a full womb, nor a new
183 Better be happy, nor wise. (coat.
184 Better happy to court, nor good to service
85 Better a wit coft, nor two for nought.
86 Better bow nor break.
87 Better two skaiths, nor ane sorrow.
88 Better bairns greit, nor bearded men.
89 Betwixt twa stools the arse falls down.

190 Better no ring, nor the ring of a rash.
191 Better held out, nor put out.
192 Better be still, nor rise and get a fall.
193 Better leave, nor want.
194 Better unborn, nor untaught.
195 Better be envyed, nor pitied.
196 Better a little fire that warms, nor a meikle that burns.
197 Be the same thing that thou wald be
198 Black will be no other hue. (call'd.
199 Beauty but bounty, avails nought.
200 Beware of, Had I wist.
201 Better be alone, nor in ill company.
202 Better a thigging mother, nor a ryding father.
203 Before I wein, and now I wat.
204 Bony silver is soon spendit.
205 Better never begun, nor never endit.
206 Byting and scarting is Scots folks wooing.
207 Breads house skatld never.
208 Bairns mother burst never.
209 Bannocks is better, nor na kind of bread
210 Better a laying hen, nor a lym crown.
211 Better be dead, as out of fashion.
212 Better buy, as borrow. (flesh
213 Better have a mouse in the pot, as nt
214 Butter and burn-trouts gar Maidens f**** the wind.
215 Better a clout, nor a hole out.

C

217 COurt to the town, and whoze to the window.
218 Cadgers speaks of leadsadles.
219 Changes of wozks is lightning of hearts.
220 Charge your friend ere you næd.
221 Cots eats that hussies spares.
222 Cast not sozth the old water while the new come in.
223 Crabbit was, and cause had.
224 Comparisons are odious.
225 Come not to the Counsel uncalled.
226 Condition makes, & condition bzeaks.
227 Cut dwels in every town.
228 Cold cwls the love that kindles over hot
229 Cease your snow-balls casting.
230 Come it air, come it late, in May comes the cow-quake.
231 Courtesie is cumbersome to them that kens it not.
232 Calk is na shears.
233 Clap a carle on the culs, and he will shite in your loof.

D

234 DO in bill as ye wald in hall.
235 Do as ye would be done to.
236 Do well, and have well.
237 Dame deim warily.
238 Dead and marriage makes term-day.

239

239 Draff is good enough for swine.
240 Do the likeliest, & God wil do the best.
241 Drive out the inch as thou hast done the span.
242 Dead men bytes not.
243 Daffing dow nothing.
244 Dogs will red swine.
245 Dirt parts company.
246 Drink & drouth comes sindle together.
247 Drunken wife got ay the drunken penny.
248 Do wel and doubt na man, and do wel and doubt all men.
249 Dead at the one door, and heirship at the other.——
250 Dummie cannot lie.

E

251 Early Master, long knave.
252 Eaten meat is good to pay.
253 Eild wald have honour.
254 Evening orts is good morning fother.
255 Every land hes his laugh, and every corn hes the cast.
256 Every man wishes the water to his own myne.
257 Every man can rule an ill wife but he that hes her.
258 Eat and drink measurly and defy the mediciners.
259 Every man for himself, quoth the Mertine.

260 Every man flams the fat sows arse.
261 Experience may teach a fool.
262 Every man wats best where his own shoe binds him.
263 Efter long mint, never dint,
264 Efter words, comes weard.
265 Efter delay comes a let.

F

266 FAr fowls have fair feathers.
267 Fair heights makes fools fain.
268 Fools are fain of flitting.
269 Falshood made ne're a fair hinder end.
270 Frædom is a fair thing.
271 For a tint thing care not.
272 Fools haste is no spæd.
273 Fools set far trystes.
274 For love of the nuris, many kisses the (bairn.
275 Folly is a bony dog.
276 Fair words brake never bane, foul words many ane.
277 Foul water slokens fire.
278 Far sought, and dear bought, is good for Ladies.
279 For fault of wise men, fools sits on binks.
280 Fools make feasts, & wise men eat them
281 Fools are fain of right nought. (do.
282 Forbid a fool a thing, and that he will
283 Follow love, and it will flæ from thæ; leave it, and it will follow thee.

284

284 Fools should have no chapin sticks.
285 Friendship stands not in one side.
286 Few words sufficeth to a wise man.
287 Fire is good for the farcie.
288 Fidlers dogs and flies comes to a feast uncalled.
289 Fill fow & bad fow makes a stark man.

G

290 GRace is best for the man.
291 Gift gaff makes good friends.
Manus manum fricat.
292 Good wine needs not a wisp.
293 Good chear and good cheap gars many haunt the house.
294 God sends men cloaths as they have cold to.
295 Gods help is nearer nor the fair even.
296 Give never the Wolf the Wedder to keep.
297 Good-will should be tane in part of payment.
298 God sent never the mouth, but the meat with it.
299 Girn when ye knit, and laugh when ye loose,
300 Go to the devil and bishop you.
301 God sends meat, & the devil sends cooks
302 Go to the devil for Gods sake.
303 Go shee the Geese.

H

305 HUnger is good kitchen meat: Optimum condimentum fames.

306 He that is far from his gear, is near his skaith.

307 Had Fish, was never good to eat with garlick.

308 He man have leave to speak that cannot hold his tongue.

309 He that lippens to bon plows, his land will ly ley.

310 He rode sicker that never fell.

311 He that will not hear mother-head shall hear step-motherhead.

312 He that crabs without cause, shall mease without mends.

313 He that may not as he would, man do as he may: Ut quimus quando ut volumus, non licet.

314 He that spares to speak, spares to speed

315 He is well eastit that hes ought of his own, when others goes to meat.

316 He that is welcome fares well.

317 He that does ill, hates the light.

318 He that speaks the thing he should not hears the things he would not.

319 He that is evil deem'd is half hang'd.

320 Help thy self and God will help thee.

321 He that spends his gear on a whore, he hath shame and skaith.

322

322 He that forsakes missour, missour forsake him.

323 Half a tale is enough for a wise man. Verbum sapientia sat est.

324 He that hewes over hie, the spail will fall into his eye.

325 He that eats while he lasts, will be the war while he die.

326 He is a weak horse that may not bear the saddle.

327 He that borrows and bigs, make feasts and thigs, drinks and is not dry, these three are not thrifty.

328 He is a proud Tod that will not scrape his own hole.

329 He is wise when he is weil, can hald him so.

330 He is poor that God hates.

331 He is wise that is ware in time. (for

332 He is wise who can make a friend of

333 Hair & hair makes the earles head bare

334 Hear all parties.

335 He that is red for windlestraws should not sleep in lees.

336 He that is fraid of a fart, should never hear thunder.

337 He rises over early that is hangit ere noon.

338 He is not the fool that the fool is, but he that with the fool deals.

339 He that tholes overmuch 34

340 He loves me for little that hates me for nought.

341 He that hath two huirds, is able to get the third.

342 He is a fairy begger that may not go by one mans door.

343 Hall binks are slidery.

344 He is not the best Wright that hews manest speals.

345 He that evil does, never good wæns.

346 Hoordom and grace, can never bide in one place.

347 He that counts all costs, will never put plow in the yeard.

348 He that slayes, shal be slain.

349 He that is fil of his harbery, is good of way kenning.

360 He that will not when he may, shal not when he wald.

361 Hanging gangs by hap.

362 He that is born to be hang'd, will never be drowned.

63 He that comes uncal'd, sits unserv'd.

364 He that comes first to the hill, may sit where he will.

365 He that shames, let him be shent.

66 He gangs early to steal, that cannot say na.

367 He was scant of news, that told his father was hang'd.

368 He should have a long shafted spon that

sups kail with the devil.
369 He sits above that deals aikers.
370 Happy man, happy cavil.
371 He that owes the cow, goes nearest her tail.
372 He is worth no weil, can bide no wae.
373 He should have a heal pow, that calls his neighbour nikky now.
374 He that hes gold may buy land. (twise.
375 He that counts but his hoft, counts
376 He that loks not ere he loup, will fall ere he wit of himself.
377 Haste makes waste.
378 Hulp and fair, men rides far journeys.
379 He that marries a daw, eats meikle dirt
380 He that marries ere he be wise, will die ere he thrive.
381 Hunting, hawking, and paramours, for one joy a hundred displeasures.
382 Hald in geir, helps weil.
383 He is twise fain, that sits on a stane.
384 He that does his turn in time, sits half idle. (kail.
385 He plaints early, that plaints of his
386 He is good that faild never.
387 He is a fairy cook, that may not lick his own fingers.
388 Hunger is hard in a whole man.
389 Half anuch, is half fil.
390 He should wear iron shone, that bides his neighbours dead.

391 Hame is hamely, though never so scar
ly.

392 He that is hated of his subjects, cann
be a King. (noug

393 Hap and a half-peny, is worlds geir

394 He cals me skabbed, because I will n
call him skabe.

395 He is blind that eats his marrow, b
he is blinder that lets him.

396 Have God, and have all.

397 Honestie is na pryde.

398 He that fishes before the net, long e
fish get. (nædl

399 He tint never a cow, that grat for

400 He that hes na geir to tine, has shi
to pine.

401 He that takes all his geir fra himsel,
gives to his bairns, it were wel wait
to take a mell & knock out his harns.

402 He sits ful still that hes a riven breik

403 He that does bidding serves no dingin

404 He that blows best bears away t
horn.

405 He's wel staikit thereben, that will ne
ther borrow nor len.

406 Hea, will gar a deaf man hear.

407 He is sairest dung, when his own wa
dings him.

408 He hes his wit at will, that with ang
heart can hold him still.

Proverbial Speeches of persons given to such Vices or Vertues, as followeth.

Of greedy Persons it is said,

11 He can hide his meat & seek more.
12 He wil see day light at a little hole
13 He comes for drink, though draff be his errand.

Of well skilled Persons.

14 He was born in August.
15 He sees an inch before his nose.

Of wilfull Persons.

16 He is at his wits end.
17 He hears not at that ear.
18 He wold fain be forward if he wist how
19 He would not give an inch of his will for a span of his thrift.

Of vousters and new upstarts.

20 His wind shakes no corn.
21 He thinks himself na payes peer.
22 He counts himself worthy meikle mice dirt.
23 Henry Chiek never slew a man till he came at him.

Of fleyed Persons.

24 his heart is in his hose.
25 he is war fleyit nor he is hurt.

426 he looks as the wood were ful of thiefs
427 he lwks like the laird of pitty.
428 he lwks like a Lochabar axe.

Of false Persons.

429 he will get credit of a house full of unbored millstones,
430 he lwks up with the one eye, and down with the other.
431 he can lie as wel as a dog can lick a dish
432 he bides as fast, as a cat bund to a stake
433 he would gar a man trow that the moon is made of green cheese, or the cat took the heron.

Of misnurterd Persons.

434 he hes a brazen face, Perfrictæ frontis.
435 he knows not the door by the door-bar.
436 he spits on his own blanket.

Of unprofitable fooliſh persons.

437 he harps ay on ane string.
438 he robs Peter to pay Paul.
439 he rives the Kirk to theik the Quire.
440 he wags a wand in the water.
441 he that rides ere he be ready, wants some of his gear.

Of wily Persons.

442 he can bald the cat to the sun.
443 he knew his groats among other folks kail.
444 he neistters for the better.
445 he is not so daft as he lets him,

Of

Of angry persons.

446 He hes not gotten the first seat of the midding the day.
447 He hes pisht on a nettle.
448 He takes pepper in the nose.

Of unconstant persons.

449 He is like a weather-cock.
450 He hes changed his tippit, or his cloak on the other shoulder.
451 He is like a dog and a cat.
452 his evening song & his morning song are not both alike.
453 he is an Aberdeens man that takes his word again.

Of persons speaking pertinently.

454 he hes hit the nail on the head.
455 he hes touched him in the quick.

Of wasters and divers.

456 he hes not a hail nail to claw him with
457 he hes not a penny to buy his dog a loaf
458 he is as poor as Job.
459 he is as bare as the birk at Yule even.
460 he begs at them that borrowed at him.
461 he hes brought his pack to a fit spead.
462 he is on the ground.
463 his hair grows through his head.
464 he hes cryed himself diver.

Of proud persons.

465 he counts his half-penny good silver.
466 he makes meikle of his painted sheets.
467 he goes away with bozn head.
468 he spils unspoken to.
469 he hes not that bachel to swear by.

Of untimeous persons.

470 he is as welcome as water in a riven shyp.
471 he is as welcome as snow in harvest.

Of rash persons.

472 he sets all on fir or seven.
473 he stumbles at a strea, and loups over a brea.

Of ignorant persons.

474 he does as the blind man when he casts his staff.
475 he brings a staff to his own head.
476 he gars his own wand ding him.
477 he bræds of the Gaet that casts all down at even.
478 he hes good skil of rosted wool, when it stinks it is enough.

Of effeminate persons.

479 he is John Thomsons man; couch carle.
480 he wears short hose.

Of drunkards.

481 his head is full of Bees.
482 he may write to his friends.

483 His hand is in the creil.
484 He is better fed nor nurtered.
485 He neds not a cake of bread of all his kin.
Of hypocrites.
486 He hes meikle prayer, but litle devotiõ.
487 He runs with the hound, & holds with the hare.
488 He hes a face to God, and another to the devil.
489 He is a wolf in a lambs skin.
490 He breaks my head, & syn puts on my hoo.
491 He can say, my Jo, and think it no.
492 He sleeps as dogs do, when wives sifts meal.
493 He wil go to hell for the house profit.
494 Hot love and hasty vengeance.

I

495 IT is a fairy brewing that is not good in the newing.
496 It's tint that is done to old men and bairns
497 Ill weeds wares weil.
498 In som mans aught mon the old horsdy
499 It is a sooth dream that is seen wakin.
500 In space comes grace.
501 It is ill to bring out of the flesh that is bred in the bene
502 Ill win ill wairit.
503 It is a silly flock where the yow bears the bell.

504 It is a sin to lie on the devil.
505 It is eith till, that the awn self will.
506 It is good mowes that fills the wemb.
507 It is na time to stop when the head's off
508 It is fair in hall, where beards wag all.
509 It will come in an hour that will not come in a year.
510 If thou do no ill, do no ill like. (like.
511 If ye steal not my kail, break not my
512 If ye may spend meikle, put the more to the fire.
513 If ye can get his cairt at a waltar, I shal lend it a put. (stine.
514 If I may not kep goose, I shal kep ge-
515 It is kindly that the pock sare of the herring.
516 It is eith to cry Yule on anothers mans cost.
517 Ilk a man as he loves, let him send to the cooks. (held up.
518 It is eith to swim where the head is
519 It is well wairt they have sorrow, that buys it with their silver.
520 If ane will not, another will.
521 It is ill to take a bitck off a bare arse.
522 It is dear bought honey that is lickt off a thorn. (us:
523 If God be with us, who will be against
524 It is well wairt that wasters want gei-
525 It is ill to bring but the thing that is not thereben. 526

526 It that lyes not in your gate, breaks not your shins.
527 It is na play where ane greits, and another laughs.
528 If a man knew what would be dear, he would be but merchant for a year.
529 It is true that all men sayes.
530 I have a good bow, but it is in the castle.
531 It is hard to fling at the brod, or kick at the prick.
532 Ilk man mend ane, & all will be mendit.
533 It is a fairy collop that is tane aff a capon.
534 Ill bairns is best heard at home.
535 It is ill to waken sleeping dogs.
536 Ill herds makes fat wolves.
537 It is hard to wive and thrive in a year.
538 It is good sleeping in a teal skin.
539 It is not tint that is done to friends.
540 It is ill to draw a strea before an old cat.
541 It is a pain both to pay and pray.
542 It is good fishing in drumly waters.
543 It is little of Gods might, to make a poor man a Knight.
544 It is good baking besides meal.
545 It is a good goose that drops ay.
546 It is not the habit that maks the monck.
547 It is not good to want and to have.
548 It hes neither arse nor elbow.
549 I shal sit on his skirt.

504 It is a sin to lie on the devil.
505 It is eith till, that the awn self will.
506 It is good mowes that fills the womb.
507 It is na time to stop when the head's off
508 It is fair in hall, where beards wag all.
509 It will come in an hour that will not come in a year.
510 If thou do no ill, do no ill like. (like.
511 If ye steal not my kail, break not my
512 If ye may spend meikle, put the more to the fire.
513 If ye can get his cairt at a waltar, I shal lend it a put. (stine.
514 If I may not kep goose, I shal kep ge-
515 It is kindly that the pock sare of the herring.
516 It is eith to cry Yule on anothers mans cost.
517 Ilk a man as he loves, let him send to the cooks. (held up.
518 It is eith to swim where the head is
519 It is weil wairt they have sorrow, that buys it with their silver.
520 If ane will not, another will.
521 It is ill to take a bitck off a bare arse.
522 It is dear bought honey that is lickt off a thorn. (us?
523 If God be with us, who will be against
524 It is weil wairt that wasters want geir
525 It is ill to bring but the thing that is not thereben. 526

526 It that lyes not in your gate, breaks not your shins.

527 It is na play where ane greits, and another laughs.

528 If a man knew what would be dear, he would be but merchant for a year.

529 It is true that all men sayes.

530 I have a good bow, but it is in the castle.

531 It is hard to fling at the brod, or kick at the prick.

532 Ilk man mend ane, & all will be mendit.

533 It is a fairy collop that is tane off a capon.

534 Ill bairns is best heard at home.

535 It is ill to waken sleeping dogs.

536 Ill herds makes fat wolves.

537 It is hard to wive and thrive in a year.

538 It is good sleeping in a teal skin.

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549 I shal sit on his skirt.

550 It is a bare mooze that he goes over, gets not a cow.

551 I shal hold his nose to the grindstone.

552 It goes as meikl in his heart as his hæl

553 It goes in at one ear, & out at the other.

554 It is na mair pity to sæ a woman greit, noz to sæ a goose go barefoot.

555 It is well said, but who will bel the cat.

556 It is shozt while sen the louse boze the langelt.

557 I have a sliddery æl by the tail.

558 It is as mæt as a sow to bear a saddle.

559 It is as mæt as a thief foz the widdy.

560 I would I had as much pepper as he counts himself wozthy mice dirt.

561 It will be an ill web to bleitch.

562 I cannot find you both tails and ears.

563 It is ill making a bowing hozn of a Tods tail.

564 If ever ye make a luckie pudding, I shal eat the prick.

565 If that God will give, the devil cannot reave.

566 In a good time I say it, in a better I leave it.

567 It is a silly pack that may not pay the custome.

568 I have sæn as light a græn.

569 It's a cold coal to blow at.

570 Its a fair field where all is dung down.

571

571 Its a fair dung bairn that dare not grit
572 I wat where my own shoe binds me.
573 If ye wanted me and your meat, yee wald want a good friend.

K

574 KAme findle, kame fair.
575 Kindnesse comes of will. (gang
576 Kindness will creep where it may not
577 Kindness cannot be bought for geir.
578 Kail spares bread.
579 Kamesters are ay creishie.
580 Knowledge is eith born about.
581 Kings are out of play.
582 Kings & bears oft worries their kæpers
583 Kings have long ears.
584 Kings caff is worth other mens corn.
585 Kindnesse lyes not ay in one side of the house.

L (friends

586 LIttle intermitting makes good
587 Long tarrowing takes al the thank away.
588 Little said is soon mended, and a little geir is soon spended.
589 Long lean maks hameald cattel.
590 Little wit makes meikle travel.
591 Lear young, lear fair,
592 Like draws to like, a skabbed horse to an old dyke.
593 Laith to bed, laith out of it.

594 Little may an old horse do, if he may not neigh.

595 Let them that are cold, blow at the coal.

596 Long standing and little offering, maks a poor price.

597 Love hes no lack.

598 Leave the court, ere the court leave thee

599 Light supper makes long life.

600 Liked geir is half bought.

601 Lordships changes manners.

602 Light winning makes a heavy purse.

603 Live and let live.

604 Love me, love my dog.

605 Livelefs, faultlefs.

606 Laith to the drink, laith fra it.

607 Lightly comes, lightly goes.

608 Last in bed, best heard.

609 Lata is long and dreigh.

610 Little wats an ill hussie what a dinner holds in.

611 Lads will be men.

612 Laugh and lay down again.

613 Likely lyes in the myre, and unlikely goes by it.

614 Let him drink as he hes brewen.

615 Like to die, mends not the Kirk-yard.

616 Luck and bon voyage.

617 Long ere ye fcut Falkland wood with a pen-knife.

618 Love me little, and love me long.
9:0 Let alone, makes many lurden.
620 Little troubles the eye, but far less the soul.
621 Little kens the wife that sits by the fire, how the wind blows cold in hurle-burle swyze. (pay.
622 Lips go, laps go: he that eats, let him

M

623 MAny irons in the fire, part must cool.
624 Maidens should be meek while they be married.
625 Men may buy gold over dear.
626 Many purses holds friends together.
627 Meat makes, and cloath shapes, but manners makes a man.
628 Many hands makes light work.
629 Make not twa mews of an daughter.
630 Meat is good, but mense is better.
631 Many masters quoth the paddock to the harrow, when every tind took her a
632 Mint ere ye strike. (knock.
633 Measure is treasure.
634 Many men do lack, that yet wald fain have in their pack.
635 Mistrful folk must not be mensful.
636 Many smalls makes a great.
637 Many speaks of Robin Hood, that never shot in his bow.

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638 Waſtery maws the meadows down.
639 Wiſter makes men of craft.
640 Weikle water runs when the mille
ſleeps.
641 Weikle muſt a good heart thole.
642 Many cares for meal, that hes baken
bread enough.
643 Weikle ſpoken, part muſt ſpil.
644 Meſſengers ſhould neither be beate
nor hanged.
645 Men are blind in their own cauſe.
646 Many words would have meikle dzin
647 Man propones, but God diſpones.
648 Many man ſerves a thankleſſe maſter
649 Many words fils not the furlot.
650 Many aunts, many eams, many kin
few friends.
651 Men goes over the dyke at the laicheſt
652 Might often times overcomes right.
653 Mends is worth miſdeeds.
654 Meikle head, little wit.
655 Muſtard after meat.
656 Millars takes ay the beſt multar wit
their own hand.
657 Many man ſpeirs the gate he kens w
658 Muſle not the ozens mouth.
659 Meikle hes would fain have more.
660 Many tines the half mark whinger f
the half penny whang.
661 Make not meikle of little.

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662 Many man makes an errand to the hal to bid the Lady good-day.
663 Many brings the rake, but few the shovel.
664 Make no balks of new brer land.
665 March whisquer was never a good fisher.
666 Meat and Mals never hindred man.

N

667 NAture passes nurture.
668 Na man can both sup and blow tother. Surbere & flare.
669 Nothing enters in a close hand.
670 Need makes vertue.
671 Need hes no law.
672 Nearest the Kirk, farthest fra God.
673 Nearest the King, nearest the widdy.
674 New Lords, new Laws.
675 No man may pund for unkindness.
676 Nearest the heart, nearest the mouth.
677 Never rade, never fell.
678 Need gars naked men run, and forrot gars websters spin.
679 Near is the kirtle, but nearer is the sark
680 Nothing is difficile to a well-willed (ma
682 No plea is best.
682 Nothing comes sooner to light, the that which is long hid,
683 No man can play the fool so well as th wise man.

684 No man makes his own hap.
685 No penny, no pardon.
686 No man can sark his marrow in the kirn, so weil as he that hes been in it himself.

O

687 Over fast, over loose.
886 Of enough, men leave.
689 Over great familiarity genders despight.
690 Oft counting makes good friends.
691 Over narrow counting culzies no kindness.
692 Out of sight, out of langer.
693 Of two ills, choose the least.
694 Of other mens leather, men takes large whangs.
695 Over jolly dow not.
696 Of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh.
697 Of all war, peace is the final end.
698 Of ill debtors, men takes oattes.
699 Of næd make vertue.
700 Of the earth man the dike be biggit.
701 Of an ill comes many.
702 Over hot, over cold.
703 Over high, over laigh.
704 Over meikle of ane thing, is good for nothing.

P

705 PEnny wise, pound fool.
706 Priests & doves make foul houses.
707 Pride and sweirness would have meikle upholding.
708 Put your hand no farder nor your sleeve may reik.
709 Poor men are fain of little thing.
710 Play with your peers.
711 Pity is good in all playes.
712 Put twa half-pennies in a purse, and they will draw together.
713 Painters and Poets, have leave to lie.
714 Possession is worth an ill chartour.
715 Pride will have a fall.
716 Poverty parts good company, and is an enemy to vertue.
717 Put not your hand betwirt the rind and the tree.
718 Poor men, they say, hes na souls.
719 Patience perforce.
720 Provision in season, makes a rich meason.
721 Put that in the nert few.
722 Plenty is na dainty.
723 Puddings and paramours, would be hotly handled.
724 Put a begger on horseback, and he will ride fast, or else break his neck.

725 Put your hand in the cræl, and ye will get either an adder, or an æle.

726 Peter in and Paul out.

Q

727 QUhair the Dær is slain, some blood will ly.

728 Quhen the eye sæs not, the heart rewes not.

729 Quhen wine is in, wit is out.

730 Quhen the steed is stown, steik the stable door.

731 Quhen the Tod preaches, beware of the hens.

732 Quhen the cup is fullest, bear it evenest.

733 Quhat better is the house that the daw rises in the morning?

734 Quhen thieves reckons, leil men coms to their gear.

735 Quhen I am dead, make me caddel.

736 Quhiles the hawk hes, and whiles she hunger hes.

737 Quhen the craw flies, her tail follows.

738 Quhen the play is best, it is best to leave.

739 Quha may wooe but cost?

740 Quhiles thou, whiles I, so goes the bailleri.

741 Quhen a man is full of lust, his weml is full of leasings.

742 Quha may hold that will away?

743 When Taylors are true, there is little good to shew.
744 When thy neighbors house is on fire, take tent to thy own.
745 When the iron is hot, it is time to strike.
746 When the belly is full, the bones would be at rest.
747 Whom God will help, no man can hinder.
748 When all men speaks, no man hears.
749 When the good-man is fra hame, the board-cloath is tint.
750 When the good-wife is fra hame, the keyes are tint.
751 Whair stands your great horse.
752 Where the pig breaks, let the shels ly.
753 When friends meets hearts warms.
754 When the well is full, it will run over.

R

755 REason band the man.
756 Ruse the fowd as ye find it.
757 Ruse the fair day at even.
758 Rackless youth makes a gousty age.
759 Ryme spares na man.
760 Reavers should not be rewers.
761 Rule youth well, & eild will rule it sell.
762 Rome was not bigged on the first day.
763 Rhue and time growes both in one garden.

S

763 SEldom rides, tynes the spurrs.
764 Sik man, sik master.
765 Shod in the cradle, bair-foot in the stubble.
766 Sik lips, sik latace.
767 Sik a man as thou would be, draw the to like company.
768 Sooth bourd, is na bourd.
769 Seldome lyes the devil dead by the dyk side.
770 Seying goes good cheap.
771 Spit on the stane, and it will be wet a the last.
772 Soft fire makes sweet malt.
773 Sturt payes na debt.
774 Silly bairns are eith to lear.
775 Saw thin, and maw thin.
776 Soon ripe, soon rotten.
777 Send and fetch.
778 Self do, self ha.
779 Shame shal fal them that shame thinks to do themselves a good turn.
780 Sik father, sik son, &c.
781 Seil comes not while sorrow be gone.
782 Shæs a foul bird that fyls her own nest.
783 Spetr at Jock-thief my marrow, if I be a leal man.
784 Soon gotten, soon spended.
785 Sik Priest, sik offering.

786 She is a fairy mouse that hes but ane hole.
787 Surfet slays mae nor the sword.
788 Seek your sawce where ye get your
789 Soking sale is best. (ale.
790 Sik answer as a man gives, sik will he get.
791 Smal winning makes a heavy purse.
792 Shame is past the shed of your hair.
793 She that takes gifts her self, she sells: and she that gives, doth nought else.
794 She hes past the discipline of a tavern: Tabernarium exercet fronte.
795 Scots-men reckon ay fra an ill hour.
796 Send him to the sea, and he will not get water.
797 Sain you weil fra the Devil and the Lairds bairns.
798 Shio the guest the house is the war of.
799 Show me the man, and I will show you the Law.
800 Swear by your brunt shins.
801 Sairy be your meil-pock, and ey your neive in the neck on't.

T

802 THe mair haste, the war speed.
803 Tide and time bides na man.
804 Twa daughters and a back-door, are three stark thieves.
805 There was never a cake, but it had a make.

806 There came never a large fart forth of a wrans arse.

807 Teem bags rattles. (given.

808 The thing that is frisked, is not for

809 Take part of the pelf, when the pack is a dealing.

810 Tread on a worm, & she will stir her tail.

811 They are lightly herrite, that yes at their awn.

812 The craw thinks her own bird fairest.

813 There is little to the rake to get after the bissome.

814 They buy good cheap, that brings nothing hame.

815 Thraw the wand while it is green.

816 The Sowters wife is worst shod.

817 The Taylors wife is worst clad.

818 The worst world that ever was, some man wan.

819 They will know by a half-penny, if a Priest will take offering.

820 Time trves the truth.

821 The weeds overgoes the corn.

822 Take time when time is, for time will away.

823 The Piper wants meikle, that wants the nether chafts.

824 They are welcome that brings. (see

825 The longer we live, the more farlies we

826 There are many sooth words spoken in bourding.

82

827 There is na thief without a resetter.
828 There is many a fair thing full false.
829 There came never ill of a good advisement.
830 There is na man so deaf, as he that will not hear.
831 There was never a fair word in flyting.
832 The mouth that lies, slayes the soul.
833 Trot mother, trot father, how should the foal amble.
834 They were never fain that fidgit.
835 Two wolves may worry ane sheep.
836 Two fools in an house, is over many.
837 The day hes eyne, the night hes ears.
838 The tree falls not at the first strake.
839 The more ye tramp on a turd, it grows the broader.
840 There is none without a fault.
841 The devil is a busie Bishop in his own Diocie.
842 There is no friend to a friend in misters.
843 There is no fool to an old fool.
844 Touch a gald horse on the back, and he will fling.
845 There is remead for all things, but stark dead.
846 There is no medicine for fear.
847 The weakest goes to the walls.
848 That which hurries sparrs, eats eat.
849 Thou wilt get no more of the cat but the skin.

850 There is mae maidens nor maukin.
851 They laugh ay that wins.
852 Two wits is better nor ane.
853 They put at the cairt that is ay gangan.
854 Three may keep counsel, if twa be away.
855 They are good willy of their horse that hes nane.
856 The mae the merrier, the fewer the better chear.
857 The blind horse is hardiest. (ane.
858 There are mae ways to the wood nor
859 There are meikle betwæn word and dæd.
860 They that speirs meikle, will get wot
861 The less play the better. (of part.
862 The mair cost, the mair honor.
863 There is nothing mair precious nor time.
864 True love kythes in time of næd.
865 There are many fair words in the marriage making, but few in the tocher good paying.
866 The higher up, the greater fall.
867 The mother of mischief is no mair nor a midge wing.
868 Tarrowing bairns were never fat.
869 There is little sap in dry peis hools.
870 This bolt came never out of your bag.
871 Thy tongue is no slander.
872 Take him up there with his five eggs, and four of them rotten. 873

873 The next time ye dance, wit whom ye take by the hand.
874 The gose-pan is above the rest.
875 Thy thumb is under my belt.
876 There is a dog in the well.
877 The malt is above the meal.
878 Touch me not on the sair hæl.
879 The shots overgoes the old swine.
880 Take a man by his word, and a kow by her horn.
881 There is meikle hid meat in a gose eye.
882 They had never an ill day, that had a good evening.
883 There belongs mair to a bed nor four bare legs.
884 The greatest Clerks are not the wisest men.
885 Thou shouldst not tell thy foe when thy foot slæps.
886 The grace of God is geir enough.
887 Twa hungry meltiths makes the third a glutton.
888 This world will not last ay.
889 The Devil and the Dean begins with a letter: when the Devil hes the Dean, the Kirk will be the better.
890 They are as wise as speir not.
891 There is nothing so crouse, as a new washen louse.
892 They mense little the mouth, that bites aff the nose.

W

893 WRang hes no warrand.
894 Weil is that weil does.
895 Weil done, soon done.
896 Weapons bodes peace.
897 Wiles help weak folk.
898 Wishers and woulders, are poor houſholders.
899 Words are but wind, but dunts are the devil.
900 Wark bears witneſs who weil does.
901 Wealth gars wit waver.
902 Weil bides, weil betides.
903 Wrang count, is no payment.
904 Wrang hearing makes wrang rehearſing.
905 With empty hand no man ſhould hawks allure.
906 Weil wats the mouſe, the cat's out of the houſe.
907 Weil worth aw, that gars the plough draw.
908 We hounds ſlew the hare, quoth the meſſon. (town.
909 Wonder laſts but nine nights in a
910 Women and bairns keep counſel of that they ken not.
911 Wont beguil'd the Lady.
912 Waken not ſleeping dogs.

913

913 We have a craw to pluck.
914 Weil good mother-dauyhter.
915 Wood in wilderness, and strength in a fool.
916 wit in a poor mans head, and moss in a mountain, avails nothing.
917 Weils him, and woes him, that hes a Bishop in his kin.
918 Whatrax of the seed, where the friendship dow not.
919 Whatrax my jo I ken your Captain.
920 Unskilful Medicíners and horse-marshels, slays both man and beast.
921 Use makes perfectness.
922 Use your friend as ye would have him.

Y

924 YE will break your neck assoon as your fast in his house.
925 Ye strive against the stream.
926 Youth never casts for peril.
927 Youth and age will never agree.
928 Ye seek hot water under cold yce.
929 Ye drive a snail to Rome.
930 Ye ride a bootless errand.
931 Ye seek grace at a graceless face.
932 Ye learn your father to get bairns.
933 Ye may not sit in Rome, and strive with the Pope.

934

934 Ye may pund for debt, but not for unkindness.

935 Ye bred of the cat, ye would fain have fish, but ye have nae will to weet your feet.

936 Ye bred of the gouk, ye have not a rime but one.

937 Ye should be a King of your word.

938 Ye will get war bods ere Beltan.

939 Ye may drink of the burn, but not bite the brae.

940 Ye would do little for God, and the devil were dead.

941 Ye have a face to God, and another to the devil.

942 Ye have a ready mouth for a ripe cherry

943 Ye bred of the millers dog, ye lick your lips ere the pock be open.

944 Ye cannot make a silk purse of a sows lug.

945 Your winning is not my tinsel.

FINIS.